(b) what are the prices of tractors in the world market and in India of the various H.P. categories of various makes of tractors;

(c) whether Government would allow free import, to help the farming sector gain advantage, if the prices are low outside; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export of Pulses

4045. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working Group of the Agriculture Ministry has gone into the demand and supply/availability during the year 1994-95 and projection made for the Eight Plan projects for Pulses indicating the actual production/demand thereof in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that pulses are being exported even as the demand-supply gap remains unbridged, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Ministry of Agriculture has constituted an inter-ministerial Working Group with the limited objective of examining and assessing nutritional requirement needed for normal human diet in India and examine demand projections for various food crops particularly cereals and pulses. The Working Group is also required to suggest realistic requirements of different food crops by 2000 A.D. based on nutritional requirements.

(b) and (c) The country has exported small quantities of superior pulses so as to get advantage of the favourable international prices. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'National Pulses Development Project' is being implemented to raise productivity and production in the country.

Production of Sugarcane

4046. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of sugarcane in the country during 1993-94 State-wise especially in the State of Gujarat;

(b) whether Government propose to formulate any scheme/programme for providing more technical know-how to the farmers of Gujarat State to boost the production of sugarcane; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) According to the present assessment, the production of sugarcane during 1993-94 is expected to be about 239.86 million tonnes. The State-wise details including that of Gujarat are as follows:

	(Million tonnes)
Andhra Pradesh	12.31
Assam	1.70
Bihar	6.76
Gujarat	10.49
Haryana	7.00
Karnataka	22.83
Kerala	0.59
Madhya Pradesh	1.85
Maharashtra	27.73
Orissa	5.00
Punjab	5.76
Rajasthan	0.81
Tamil Nadu	25.83
Uttar Pradesh	109.62
West Bengal	0.85
Others	0.73
ALL INDIA	239.86

(b) and (c) For increasing the production and productivity of sugarcane in the country, the Government proposes to implement a "National Scheme on Sugarcane—Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System" in cane growing States including Gujarat during the remaining period of 8th Five Year Plan. Under the scheme, incentives would be given for various components viz. transfer of technology through field demonstration and training of farmers, supply of farm implements/machinery, strengthening of tissue culture/bio-pesticides, use of organic etc.

World Bank assistance for Agricultural Development

4047. SHRI MATANG SINH: Will he Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of World Bank assistance obtained by Government of India during the last three years; for agriculture development;

(b) the names of the projects and the States on which that amount was spent; and